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SUBJECT: JAMAICANS TO STUDY IN USSR

1. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS, A GROUP OF TEN JAMAICANS DEPARTED RECENTLY FOR STUDY IN THE USSR ON SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED BY LUMUMBA UNIVERSITY AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF SOVIET TRADE UNIONS. THE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE OFFERED FOLLOWING A REQUEST FROM THE INDEPENDENT TRADE UNION ACTION COUNCIL (ITAC).

2. COMMENT: THE GRANT OF SUCH SCHOLARSHIPS TO JAMAICANS APPEARS TO BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND. HOWEVER, THAT SUCH SCHOLARSHIPS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ITAC PROTEGES IS HARDLY SURPRISING. THIS SMALL LABOR UNION -- SMALL IN COMPARISON TO THE NATIONAL WORKERS UNION, THE LABOR FRONT OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY, AND THE BUSTAMENTE INDUSTRIAL TRADE UNION, LINKED TO THE OPPOSITION JAMAICAN LABOR PARTY -- IS GUIDED BY TREVOR MUNROE, ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE LEFTISTS IN JAMAICA. WHETHER MUNROE OR ONE OF HIS ASSOCIATES IN ITAC ARRANGED THE SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTLY WITH

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THE SOVIETS OR THROUGH THE GOOD OF THE CUBANS

HERE IS UNKNOWN.

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